LAFITTE of LOUISIANA

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CHAPTER V.

It was the afternoon of the fourth day when Jean, fearing lest Laro might come to seek him, and thinking that perhaps Greloire also would be coming, decided to go to Le Chien Heureux, Pierre having already gone out to see some of his military friends.

The air was crisp, and Jean, walking rapidly, was turning the corner of the street leading down to the inn, when he saw Laro approaching.

"Ha, runaway!" the latter called out, a smile lighting his dark face. "I was but just coming to see you. I put to sea this night."

Jean started and stared.

"Ay, this very night with the 'Aigle' set sail for Louisiana," continued Laro. "Would you not like to go with me—you and Pierre? I will take both, I'll swear, but say the word."

Jean's cheeks were filled with sudden color, and his eyes sparkled with excitement. But this all passed away as he said slightly, "Aye, I would like to go; but—"

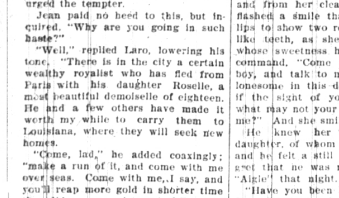
"Then it is but for you to come," urged the tempter.

Jean paid no heed to this, but inquired, "Why are you going in such haste?"

"Well," replied Laro, lowering his tone, "There is in the city a certain wealthy royalist who has fled from Paris with his daughter Roselle, a most beautiful demoiselle of eighteen. He and a few others have made it worth my while to carry them to Louisiana, where they will seek new homes.

"Come, lad," he added coaxingly; "make a run of it, and come with me over seas. Come with me, I say, and you'll reap more gold in shorter time than did ever an aristocrat of France."

"Not on this trip, Laro," replied Jean, calmly, but with unmistakable firmness. "You have said you would be coming and going; so some day I



"I will give you this ring of mine."

will turn my back upon France and go with you."

"Well, well; be it so, then," said Laro, although with evident reluctance. "But you'll not speak to any one of our sailing to-night?"

"Nay—not I. Why should I?" asked Jean, as he opened the door. "I'll see you again before sailing time."

Jean walked slowly along the streets, seeing nothing for a time. He was going toward home, and had almost reached the narrow street upon which stood Margot's cottage, when he saw approaching that which sent his dreams flying, and with them all thoughts of Laro and Louisiana.

It was Greloire, who appeared to have seen him at the same moment; for he paused, as if waiting for the boy to come near.

"Tell me—have you seen him? What said he?" Jean demanded, before they had gone half a dozen steps.

"Never mind whether or not I have seen him," replied Greloire, rather slowly. "Let it suffice that he knows of my having met with you, and of your anxiety to see him. But he bids you, with his love, to stop at home for the present. Wait quietly here, as he asks of you, and you will be sure to see him in a short time."

"See him—here!" ejaculated the boy. "How can that be?"

"I cannot tell you that; only wait, and you shall see. He was not pleased that I ever thought to encourage your leaving the city; and so you must promise not to attempt it."

A rebellious light shone for a moment in the dark eyes turned to meet the soldier's stern look. Then it was gone, and Jean answered with a deep sigh, "Yes; I will do as he wishes."

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It lacked but a few minutes of eight o'clock, and the neighborhood of Le Chien Heureux was unwontedly quiet. Inside, however, there was the usual gathering of soldiers and citizens.

Laro was not in the room with the other customers; and Jean, upon inquiring for him, was told in a low tone by Thiel that the captain was in his own apartment.

He then invited Jean to follow him, and, after bidding Pierre wait where he was, and to open the door to no one, he led the way to the passage.

Dropping on his knees, he grasped a ring, and a square of the apparently solid wall rolled up with a grating noise until it was level with his head, as he still knelt; and a rush of damp air, as if from out of doors, stirred the short locks on Jean's forehead, as he stared with wonder-filled eyes into the dark opening that gaped before them.

A minute later the boy's eyes were nearly blinded, as he followed his companion into a cave-like room, with a floor of rock, which was also the material of its ceiling and walls. It was furnished but scantily, and around a table at the farther side were several men, while somewhat apart from them sat two women.

As Thiel entered, with Jean close behind him, the men ceased talking, and stared with evident displeasure at the boy—all except Laro, who called out, "Aha, my young mate, is it thyself? Welcome, my sea-gull!"

He put out an inviting hand; then, as the lad came to his side, he said, turning to a slenderly built man of middle age seated next him, with an elbow on the table and a hand supporting his cheek, "Count de Cazeneau, permit me to present to you my young friend, Jean Lafitte, who is some day to be my mate, and who is also to be as an own son."

The count did not change his position, but stared moodily at the handsome boy while murmuring a courteous acknowledgment of his presence. As for Jean, he scarcely heard the words, so engrossed had his senses become with the beautiful face confronting him from the other corner of the room.

The young lady was looking at him; and from her clear blue eyes there flashed a smile that opened the red lips to show two rows of little pearly like teeth, as she said in a voice whose sweetness held yet a note of command, "Come over here, pretty boy, and talk to me. I was feeling lonesome in this dreadful place, and if the result of you is so pleasant, what may not your words do to cheer me?" And she smiled again.

He knew her to be the count's daughter, of whom Laro had spoken; and he felt a still more poignant regret that he was not to sail in the "Aigle" that night.

"Have you been long in Toulon?" Jean inquired, somewhat at a loss what to say, and yet longing to manifest his sympathy for so lovely a being.

"Since last summer," she answered; interrupted by the entrance of Laro, with Thiel close behind him; and following the two was Pierre, who with open eyes and mouth stared about him wonderingly.

Laro gave his orders hastily, but clearly, after which he turned to Pierre, who stood near him.

"Good night, my boy; I am sorry you are not to go with me, for I would like greatly to have your stout heart and strong arm aboard the 'Aigle.' You will come with me next time?" laying his hand on the boy's shoulder.

Jean remained silent, standing with lowered eyes, while the bell jangled a second time.

"I'll be in this port again within two years," added Laro, "and then I am sure you will be ready to come with me. Until then, dear lad, good night." And he moved away, motioning for the others to follow.

Jean remained silent, standing with lowered eyes, while the bell jangled a second time.

"I'll be in this port again within two years," added Laro, "and then I am sure you will be ready to come with me. Until then, dear lad, good night." And he moved away, motioning for the others to follow.

"Good night, Jean, and adieu," said Roselle, as she was about to pass him. "Do not forget me, nor what I have said to you."

She was gone, leaving the boy standing mute, sensible of the odor of violets, and regretting ruefully his inability to have acknowledged her gracious farewell. But the sound of Thiel's voice soon aroused him from his self-reproachings.

"Come," the landlord said vaguely—"come with me."

The hooks of a rope ladder were soon fastened into two iron rings bolted to the rock. A coil of rope was then put through the opening, and lowered carefully, until Laro, who kept a hand upon it, felt it grow taut with a pull from below.

"Good night again, boy; my heart is sorry to leave thee behind," he said to Jean, who was close to him. "Good-by, again, and good luck."

He had, while speaking, stepped through the opening, and, as the farewell came from his lips—disappeared down the ladder.

Ropes were hastened under the arms of the young girl and of her maid. One of the count's friends followed Laro; then the maid after him; next the count himself, and then his daughter, the two remaining gentlemen going last of all.

There was no sign of lighting when Jean and Pierre left Le Chien Heureux that night; and the sound of the rising wind was all that broke the silence.

"Next time I will surely go," Jean said to himself, as he and Pierre, after ingress out into the light which had not got had left for them, took off their shoes and crept softly upstairs to their respective bedrooms. "Laro said he would return within two years; and in two years I shall be larger, and she will not call me a boy. I will go, and I will find her."

(To be continued.)

MORE TRUTHFUL THAN POLITE.

Ungrateful Husband's Reply to Wife's Plain Question.

Capt. Ingersoll of the Naval War College was talking about the disasting that came near to destroying the battleship Connecticut at her launching.

"What do you think about this business, sir?" a reporter asked.

"Why, it's terrible," said Capt. Ingersoll. "That is all I can say—that it was unexpected. As unexpected, in fact"—and Capt. Ingersoll smiled—as the retort that the poor man made to his wife's wife.

"This poor man, being handsome, chose an elderly and plain heiress for his bride. He was on the verge of ruin at the time, living in a $4 boarding house, and behindhand in his payments even there. Nevertheless the two were married in time, and soon he was driving out in four-in-hand and winning races with a motor boat.

"But he was ungrateful. Husbands like him nearly always are ungrateful. And on account of his ingratitude there were a good many quarrels between his fetch wife and himself.

"One day, enraged beyond measure, she said, bitterly:

"'What would you be now if it wasn't for my money?'

"The man laughed.

"'A bachelor,' he replied."—Kansas City Journal.

An Insult to the Cook.

"We have just engaged a new cook," said the young matron. "I was going out, and as lots of little things were lying around I locked my bedroom door. Imagine my surprise when I returned to be greeted in the hall by a veritable fury impersonated by this same newly arrived cook. She hurled all manner of violent language at me, and ended by telling me as I was an incompetent as she was, I managed to make out that she had been accused of being a thief.

"Why she felt so bad about it was the puzzle. Why do you lock your doors?' she howled. Of course, that explained it all, and so, very gently, I asked her how she had known it was locked. She was only silent a moment in order to think up an answer. 'I wanted a needle, and so I went up—' she was going, when I interrupted with: 'But that was quite wrong.' I was just about to send in an alarm when my husband came home. He did the rest. We dined out."—Philadelphia Record.

Respect for Age in Japan.

In Japan there is no such thing as disrespect from youth to age. No Japanese boy or girl could ever think in a light or disrespectful manner of his or her superiors or teachers; and this may account, for the carelessness so unusual among young children. When a student enters a master's presence in Japan he bows to the floor, and when the lesson is finished he bows again, with expressions of the deepest gratitude, as he takes his departure. The teacher, sitting in most cases upon his feet on the floor, gravely returns each salutation, then lights his little pipe and waits for his next class. There is no hurrying of masters from room to room, as in some of the schools in our enlightened land. We will wait and see in time.

Corporal's Shot Kills Three.

A French infantry corporal at Vienne, who had been punished by his captain, fired at the captain with his rifle and missed him; but the bullet passed through the bodies of four soldiers, killing three of them on the spot.

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered; never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 14 miles from Birmingham; Good road, electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

5.

Elegant house and lot of feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. Nice shade trees, all cared for, and many modern conveniences. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the improvements cost. Fine location for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 80 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham. Good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 130 ft. front and 108 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 121½ acres. Large, fair sized house, two barns, good flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 30 acres good sugar and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who secures it first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 62 acres, of which 19 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every field. Good house, barn, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 66 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nine rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 2,800 peaches, 100 p'ums, 300 cherries, 100 pear trees, 200 apple trees, 2 acres strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new. Price $6,000 less than any other property of equal value in the county. Look it up.

19.

A small farm of 3 acres, being part of the west portion of Section 31, Oakland county. Very good building; house, barn, fruit, etc. Will sell for part cash, balance time at $1,000. Premises abundantly supplied with solid pure water from flowing well, which is never dry, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year round. Good fences, excellent soil, situated in high and healthy location. House, two-story and wing, 9 rooms; woodshed, cellar and well. Also a new residence 28x36 miles from Birmingham, over roads which will be first in the county. 40 rods from good school; 60 rods from Kritz's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,000. Terms easy.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Oakes St., 70 feet from electric road on bay saw mill, 50 ft. front, 116 ft. deep. Must and sold as per estate. Water, sewer, closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance easy. This is a fine, large, desirable place, and if you are interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be serious if we can't satisfy you.

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for planting on south side of Maple Ave. east, fronting on the line of the Poppleton subdivision. Price $2,200 and it is worth every cent of it. If you want to secure it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—The celebrated Collins Farm—165 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition; house, 10 rooms, bath, furnace, hot and cold water, divided into three compartments. House surrounded with lawn, fine shade trees, etc. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Basement barn with 20 cow, head stock, cow stables underneath with cement floor and room for additional stalls, sliding doors, feed windows, etc. Also barn with foundation, etc., 44x64. Horse barn with 16 box stalls and paddock; cow barn with 8 box and 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Tool house, sectioned with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or sale stable in basement. Outside closet for stable. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Snow, Russets and Spies; pear trees, 200 peach, 30 cherry, 65 plum, all of best varieties, 3 apricots, 3 nut trees, currants, grapes, straw berries, etc. 8 acres timber on farm. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stable; branch of Stony Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is as low as it ever gets. Fences all in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has been under average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No need of any fertilizer. Soil suits farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

59.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Moline & Smith, east by D. U. R. & W. P., south by Forrer street, west by Saginaw street, 166 ft. front on Saginaw street, 172 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in Block 1 of Forrer's Subdivision. Opp of the finest building sites in the village. Price $650.

66

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $300 for the pair. Terms easy. Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57

Farm of 40 acres, being the west ½ of the s. e. ¼ of section 29, Bloomfield, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming district in Oakland county, with fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of good timber, balance cleared. The price is only $45.00 per acre and you can have your own terms. Better look this up right away, as it won't have much enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

58

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 90 acres—80 cleared, 10 acres timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of best kind, and all in good shape. Fine farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Will sell it cheap. The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. Theres

59

House and lot, No. 1450 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard and Belle Isle Park. Lot 40x150 feet. Nice shade trees, fine building; house, 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Building lots around this house for two years ago. Price $6,000 and terms very easy.

61

House of 12 rooms on lots 5 and 18 Castle's Addition, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are three bedrooms on first floor, and we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to tell you right out loud. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper it.

Part of the N. ½ of sec 29, Bloomfield, 10 acres of timber, gentle rolling land, 5 acres orchard—good fruit—5 buildings valued at $700, 1½ miles west of the D. U. R. Electric R. Two daily mail deliverys. Good well, cellar, cistern and pump at house and the never-failing creek on the farm. Price $40 per acre, one-half cash, balance 2, 3 and 4 years. A partial will suit us. Address Box 32. A postal will suit us.

71

Ten acres, no buildings, 8 acres cleared, 2 acres elm and ash timber, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham on Mich. Price $10.00 per acre.

75

Cottage, number 29 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $650, cash or small payments.

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Germain, 50 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

85

Eighty acres of excellent land with good building; house, barn and fruit. Soil, clay loam; one of the best varieties of grafted fruit, half mile east of Birmingham, Mich. D. U. R. electric line and half mile west of the Rochester line. 12 miles from Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak village. Price $6,000; $2,000 cash, mortgage to secure and the balance on long time at a low rate of interest. Worth inquiring more particularly about.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets, in the village of Royal Oak. One of the best built and most comfortable houses in the village, with the finest front on Townsend and 165 feet deep. Modern ten room house with bath, furnace, cellar well, cistern and summer kitchen. Now, this is strictly "on the dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $4,800 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you must not tell any one further, until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross my heart and hope I may never see the back of my neck if I taint so.

89

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $500.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 40 acres of timber, 4 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Flowing well. House heated with furnace. Price $85.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? A postal will bring full particulars.

91

Farm, 185 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 100 acres cleared, good fences, buildings, good gravelly clay loam, very productive, buildings are insured for $2,000, price $40.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

93

160 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 29 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent orchard, balance under cultivation, except 10 acres. Beautiful branch of the little River Rouge furnishes plenty of water for stock; small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for 80 acres of choice property farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 50 pear trees, two barns, fine dwelling, one acre of choice young fruit, house in brick, house all painted, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country, but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $95.00 an acre.

97

One hundred and eighty acres in the township of Ridley, Sanilac county, Mich. No building, price ten dollars per acre. That's all.

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $3,000 with all the conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty five acres, 25 acres timber, 5 acres orchard, balance fine acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing with cedar posts; miles and miles of tile drained and a never failing supply of pure water from flowing wells, an ideal stock farm and a money maker for the right party. Price $180 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, you just let us take your word for it, you don't know and we are all right or we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

100

Farm of 70½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1¾ miles east of the electric line at Farmington, want avenue two-story house, good barn and buildings generally, fruit and shade trees, a fine loamy soil, admirable for truck gardening, plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 5 buildings insured for $1,200; all plow land, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

102

Two story brick residence in the village of Franklin, Mich., and one of the finest in the country, with beautiful surroundings, situated among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Oakland county, Michigan. House is divided into vegetable, provision, laundry and milk rooms, and is fitted for water, bath rooms and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, wood room combined, with many other conveniences that you could possibly have in the city. Barn, 30x40, with woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined. Also a garage for odd hours on odd jobs, iron fence around entire lot, cement walks, house fronts west and north on corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $5,000 to build and the entire place is now offered. Plenty of fruit—an ideal place for city people who would like to settle down on a pleasant little country village and raise their own vegetables and fruit. Price two acres ashamed to say it, is only $4,000, half cash, balance on long time at low rate of interest. To live in the big wicked city and would like to see a place that is worth the money, it will pay you to see this place and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

103

Highly acre farm in White Lake township with 5 R. F. D. Sec. 13, 72 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and 10 acres pasture. Buildings: House, this season netted the owner over $500 on last summer's crop of strawberries. Fruit and vegetables good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford; 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $5,000. Buy, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn on south half of four lots corner of Pleasant and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family $4 feet front by 132 feet deep; worth $1,200 at any time. Price $1,000, terms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 28 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings flowing well, fine view of the valley, soil rich and thoroughly drained and fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts. Small house and barn, house of 8 rooms, 800 bearing grapes. Well, if that don't suit you, we don't know what will. Know just think. Get off the car right at your own door, one hour from the city hall; fare 15c. Price $3,500. Come in and let us show it to you.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham; house 6 rooms, bath, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,800 and that's all we ask for the place. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 200 on Davies street; 2 story house with furnace, 8 large rooms, with closets; cellar; plenty of fruit; one block from electric cars for Detroit. Price $3,500.

109

About 15 acres of vacant property in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting; 500 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, and 1 mile south of the electric railway; will plat into 60 lots 50 feet in each; the cheapest dollar value you can buy with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ashamed to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the scheme at all, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

110

Lot 525x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, 99 Greenwood avenue Price $750.

135

The Boyd farm in the township of Troy, 18 miles from Detroit, 4½ from Birmingham, on Kensington electric, trolley station at the house. R. F. D. mail; 97 acres in the farm, good heavy loam, some better; five good buildings, flowing well, large orchard, recently, dairy house, chicken house, pigpen and corn house. No waste land. Price $100 per acre. Can't come out over the place any day, so handy, you know. Get right off the cars and there you are.

112

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway; good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

113

Vacant lots No. 28, 27, 26, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich., about 240 feet front on Townsend street and 125 feet on Merrill street. Good building site, with drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard. 5 buildings worth about $1,800; exceptionally fine place can be bought for $3,500. Nuf ced!

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the only farms for sale. Well we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the state, which you'll see by looking at the map. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they have put a reasonable price on it and you are very cheap, "erinstance, 61 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good loam and within 4 miles of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place There!

117

Now, here's one that don't look quite so cheap, but just consider that it is the finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, with an excellent orchard of six acres, good barn and fairly good house. Somebody is out of the finest kind of land, and $2,500 will be enough cash down and the balance can be paid at your own sweet will. Right on the electric railway.

118

Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Elizabeth Lake road, less than one-half mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, bath room, with all modern fixtures; will sell the buildings and one or more acres of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash down and the balance to suit the balance of the installment plan, if necessary.

120

Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwold and Harmon in Birmingham. Must have a lot of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good, modern, well sewer was constructed along the alley and is all paid for. Only last season sold one of the lots and the buildings are insured for $1,000 and will be sold and the place will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could not build the buildings in all the lake region of Oakland county, 150 acres with 1½ story house, 8 rooms, dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove. Farm touches Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than sixty dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is cut up in lots which are well worth five times the whole amount asked for the farm. Also one mile from the city of Pontiac and at the opposite end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Write us for particulars and we are here to answer all your questions, either by letter or by personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway, 2 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 5 buildings in poor repair (the build ings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about 'em,) beautiful living spring of never-ever excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. It's a correct hint that you would like to investigate and we'll get our bonnet on and be right along with you. Terms? Well, what we'll do will just sell you either side of the road with the buildings, and the property is divided, and there you are, with a farm of 52 acres—no acres just as you wish, and it's way down below $100 per acre and we are asking for it too. 3 acres of timber and 10 buildings, engines, windmills, etc., etc. What's the use? You must, come and let us take you to see it. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

125

Lot No 11, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., nice frontage on Saginaw street, fine site, in excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price, $650.

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Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's Subdivision, Royal Oak village, within each. Price, $100 each. Terms easy, will sell in payment down.

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House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich. 6 rooms and bath. House nearly new, 9 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

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Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, on Stanley street. Comfortable little house and well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $700.

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One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 14 rooms, closets, furnace, bath, hot and cold water everywhere, conveniences which you would have or expect to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick house, 2 stories, practically new, size 36x60 to build it, lot about 120 feet front on Saginaw street, and it runs back 200 feet deep. And the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in naming it here, but will tell you about it. Really if you want the best house and lot in our village at the least money, and in the best possible condition, you surely would do yourself an injury if you should call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

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Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street; basement under all, good furnace, bath, 2 handsome mantels, electric lights, large attic, fine large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of fruit; lot 66x132 feet, with magnificent trees for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500 or the whole place for $5,000. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land, and in the most sightly and picturesque view of the village. Come and see what it is and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

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Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 105 feet front, 60 feet deep, comfortable little house and barn, all in good repair, conveniences. One of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. You will buy it, and there are others who will tell you that this is the reason that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

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New 2-story house, 8 rooms, bath, cellar, fruit; desirable location on Oakland avenue, Birmingham. Price, $2,800.

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Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil, no waste land. Ten beautiful maples on the front. Just off electric railway, within half of every twice daily, store, mill and electric railway room as you like from front, electric railway and the property is ideally situated for a home place for a country home built to suit you. On Rochester electric line at Avon corners; the city sell; 2 miles from Royal Oak, 4 miles from Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

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Improved farm, 80 acres; 5 acres timber, 3 acres orchard, soil clay loam; good ten room house with large cellar; big barn, horse and cattle tool house, work shop and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which will be sold with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $8,500 if sold this season. Go with you to look at it if you want to. The place is located 1½ miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

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Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose. Part of the old Henry Grinnell farm in the n. w. ¼ of sec 7 in Bloomfield. You know where the Grinnell farm is; well, this is part of it. No buildings, but lots of fruit. Excellent grazing land and the better part of it under cultivation. Just a minute! Price only forty dollars per acre. But just remember that forty dollars per acre is to be sold and that price will do it, too!

HORTICULTURE

Orchards of Non-Residents.

It has become quite a common saying in the North that "you can buy land in such and such a southern state at $5 or $10 an acre and a resident of that locality will plant an orchard on it and care for it for nothing, if you furnish the trees." The said resident is supposed to get his pay by using the ground between the tree rows. A large number of people in the North have been caught by this argument, and have purchased cheap lands in the South. They have by proxy planted them to fruit trees and have waited in patience for the harvests that were to make them rich. We have yet to hear of the first man to get rich in this way. It is too easy.

In the South to-day will be found numerous ragged, neglected, unproductive orchards. If you ask about them you will be told that they belong to one of the residents in the North. The writer visited a young peach orchard of this kind in North Carolina. The trees were several years old, but the ground was filled with weeds and brambles. After the trees got so large that the ground could be no longer cultivated they had been left to itself. The trees were incrusted with masses of the San Jose scale, and it was evident that they would all be dead in a year or two. They were so far gone that it would never pay to treat them for the pest. The inevitable end of the trees was to be cut down and burned. Doubtless the owner in the North fondly imagined that he had a peach orchard in the South that was rapidly growing into a fortune.

Let no man imagine that he can fall upon a fortune in this way. If he wants a commercial orchard of any kind of fruit he will have to watch over it, cultivate it and see that insect and fungous pests do not devour it.

Every neglected orchard is a discouragement to the man who would plant orchards. No orchard should be planted unless it is to be under the eye of the owner or of some representative who has enough interest in it to see that it is properly cared for.

Old Land for Orchards.

It is not advisable to locate orchards on new lands. Some of these lands may be very fertile, but there are good reasons why they should not be put at once into fruit. The temptation to do so is very great, as it is argued that by so using the land the new trees will be growing while the old stumps are rotting. It is more possible to eradicate such land by the use of the apple and peach, but one of the main objections would be done away with. But hand work is too expensive to be applied to a large commercial orchard in the first years of its existence. Horse work is cheap and must be utilized. That kind of labor cannot be utilized on new ground full of stumps and roots. If trees are planted on land that has been recently cut over, the cultivation is sure to be neglected. The trees will not receive the attention they would have received on land that is well-cleared, well-pulverized, and that has been worked by plow and cultivator for a number of years at least. Usually too insect pests are more abundant on new land than on old. If new land must be used it is better to cultivate it for two or three years in some crop that requires thorough stirring of the soil. If possible the last crop before the orchard is set should be a leguminous one, that the soil may have a good supply of nitrogen.

Preparing the Orchard Ground.

The most important work to be done for the future success of the orchard is in preparing the soil properly. Too often the man going into orcharding is too hasty and sets his trees in unprepared soil. The result is apparent. The trees, a feeble growth, easily affected by drought or extreme cold; and this man at the end of five years will find, if he had taken two years' time to properly prepare his ground and then plant his trees, would find his trees healthier, with a larger growth than if planted two years sooner. If the soil is worn out, get it into clover, use plenty of land plaster on it, then turn under this crop and thoroughly work it. If the soil is new, as we find it here, I advise not to use any fertilizers, but clear it from stump and stone, and plow deep. The danger in the north part of our state is in having too rich a soil, and not having enough air drainage, being surrounded by timber causing too rapid growth and blighting, but this will soon be overcome by the timber being cut, and the land cleared.—J. J. Menn.

Prompt Attack on Insects.

The importance of promptness in the treatment of plants attacked by insects can not be too strongly insisted upon. The remedy often becomes useless if long deferred, the injury having already been accomplished or gone beyond repair. If, by careful observation of plants from time to time, the injury can be detected at the very outset, treatment is comparatively easy and the result much more satisfactory. Preventive work, therefore, should be done as much as possible, rather than waiting for the remedial treatment later; the effort being to forestall any serious injury rather than to patch up damage which neglect has allowed to become considerable.—Govt. Bulletin.